

# Cockfield Parish Council Meeting Report

The Parish Council met on 28th September

Mrs Ruffell, on behalf of the Queen's Jubilee Steering Group, confirmed that the events scheduled for the 3rd and 4th June next year will be free to residents of the village, with the exception of the bar. More details will be published in Green Links as they become available

There is still dissatisfaction with the alternative 'on demand' bus service provided by Suffolk Village Link to replace the discontinued Wednesday & Saturday services. The Parish Council is continuing to pursue setting up a meeting with the operator with a view to discussing the issues

The village First Responder meeting has now been arranged for the 28th October in the Village Hall. Anyone who is interested in becoming a First Responder, or just wants to find out what it is all about, is welcome to attend

The report from the Police identified 5 crimes in the Parish - apart from a motoring offence, the major concerns are again of theft from unsecured outhouses and vehicles. As noted at our last meeting, we all need to ensure that our property is secure at all times

We have asked the Police to provide more feedback regarding the resolution of the crimes that have been reported and we look forward to receiving more information in the future

Unfortunately the August Safer Neighbourhood meeting, which was to be held in Cockfield, was cancelled - the meetings now being held bi-monthly rather than monthly. At the September meeting the issue of speeding around Great Green and Felsham Road was raised and we await some action from the Police

The next Safer Neighbourhood meeting will be held at Alpheton Village Hall on Thursday 17th November at 11.00 am. These meetings are open to all members of the public

Following the success of the Earl's Meadow and Bruff's Line projects, Robin Morley has been investigating possible further purchases to enhance village amenity areas. A proposal was adopted to purchase an additional section of railway line and a meadow. The Clerk was authorised to proceed with the purchase using funding and grants which are available to the village

Our District Councillor, Clive Arthey, spoke regarding consultation on the proposed Babergh Core Strategy. This strategy will be an important part of the implementation of the revised planning procedures which the government intends to introduce, and it is therefore critical that all parishes participate in the consultation. To this end, it was agreed that members of the Parish Council will attend a series of workshops in October and November to ensure that the interests of our village are considered in the consultation

Suffolk County Council is carrying out a consultation exercise regarding the mobile library service. It was reported that questionnaires are available in the library and users are invited to make their opinions known

The Footpath Warden, Ralph Turner, has produced an up to date definitive map of footpaths around the village. This will be posted on the village web site and copies will be available from the Post Office

The Parish Council has reluctantly agreed that it is necessary for the village to increase its cemetery fees. The new schedule of fees is available from the Clerk to the Council

The Parish Council may be contacted through the Clerk, Alan Morgan, on 01284 828072

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